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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRAISE FOR CANADA'S SOUTH AFRICA POLICY

1. TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO CANADA'S DECISION TO END OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN DAILY NEWS OF DECEMBER 22 "CONGRATULATED" CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR "CUTTING OFF SUPPORT FOR THE APARTHEID REGIME." "IN ENDING ALL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, CANADA HAS NOT ONLY DEALT A SEVERE BLOW TO THE APARTHEID REGIME, BUT HAS LEFT HER ALLIES EXPOSED."

2. EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT APARTHEID THRIVES LARGELY BECAUSE OF WESTERN INVESTMENT AND TRADE. WITHOUT WESTERN ECONOMIC SUPPORT, "APARTHEID WOULD LONG AGO HAVE BEEN DOOMED." EDITORIAL REJECTED ARGUMENTS THAT WESTERN INVESTMENT HELPED BREAK DOWN APARTHEID AND THAT ITS WITHDRAWAL WOULD HURT BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS MOST. "INSTEAD OF HIDING BEHIND A MASK OF CONTRADICTIONS AND HYPOCRISY, WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CANADA AND WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT FROM APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA."

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3. COMMENT. IN EMBELLISHING CANADA'S MOVE AND DRAMATIZING ITS EFFECT, TANGOV UNDOUBTEDLY HOPES TO PUT PRESSURE ON OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO SEVER THEIR OFFICIAL COMMERCIAL TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
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